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NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE ALUMNI OF REDEEMER COLLEGE

Homecoming celebrates the Class of 86

Redeemer's first graduating class, collectively, was the guest of honour on October 5 during a day-long series of activities that celebrated God's goodness to Redeemer College and the Class of 1986. Although there were opportunities for alumni to see some of what is new at Redeemer College, the highlight for most people was the opportunity to visit with faculty and classmates.

Elsewhere in this issue of *Images* you will find more details of the day, as well as information on a commemorative booklet that is to be produced featuring both those who were there and those who were not able to make it. There is also an article in the enclosed issue of *Reflections* on what the original faculty thought about those first years of the college.

An event like this takes a lot of behind-the-scenes organizing, especially since this was the first one. Many thanks go to Wendy Fennema and Ruth Ann Schuringa for volunteering their time and energy to make the day a success.



Judith Vellenga and John Noordhof involved in deep discussion (again), while Ken Benjamins (87) looks on intently.



The Class of 86 (left to right): Judith Vellenga (DeJong), Anita Dreise, Walt Vanderwerf, Wendy Fennema (Ritskes), Sylvia Bandstra (Geus), John Luth, Audrey Luth (Bosma), John Noordhof, Peter Hoytema, Sylvia Keesmaat, Michael De Jong, Miriam Star (Kaptyn), Karen Verbruggen.



Some of the faculty, staff, alumni, and honoured guests (Class of 2014?) who came to celebrate the Class of 86.

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On coming home

DR. SYLVIA KEESMAAT (86)

They call it homecoming. A chance to revisit your years at the college, see old friends, play the "do-you-remember" game. And on October 5th there was plenty to offer: an alumni meeting, the general meeting, a worship service, workshops and campus tours, and to top it all off, a banquet in the evening with reminiscences and memories and even a song!

Appropriately enough the day began, not with the past, but with the present. The alumni meeting discussed the role alumni currently play at the College, the contributions they make on Academic Council and on the Board of Governors. At the General Membership Meeting we were made aware of the current status of the College, the continuing success of graduates, the exciting programs and, sadly, the financial difficulties faced this year. Such a situation reminds us continually that our success rests not in our own striving but in the graciousness of God to us. Which is why a worship service is and was the only appropriate response to the meeting.

For many of us however, the highlight of the day was the evening banquet. There we were, most without our offspring, though



Sylvia Keesmaat, in 1986

enough babies were in attendance to keep our cuddling instincts satisfied. All a little older, wiser(?), and most, when we got going, with our memories in good working order.

Do you remember... how Harry VanDyke rocked back and forth before saying something witty?... Ted Plantinga's ties?... the newness of it all?... the hockey team?... some stories all of us knew about, some stories which only a few had heard.

John and Audrey Luth chaired with wit and grace and at the end of the evening we came back to earth with a jar. For a few hours we had been college students once again, remembering laughs with professors, and practical jokes, and comfortable friendships, and life in the dorm. Now, instead of a bus ride back to Francis Road, most of us had a long journey home, some to children, some to early morning preaching assignments, all of us to lives that had taken many turns and bends since being at Redeemer.

We left with a sense of not having had enough time for all the important talking and catching up we had to do, but with a feeling of fulfilment in having had time to touch base with those with whom we had spent a number of intense years learning and living.

A homecoming? A coming home? How could it have been anything else?

Remember forever Class of 86 with commemorative yearbook

Work is in progress for a commemorative booklet marking this year's Tenth Anniversary of the Class of 86. Filled with pictures, anecdotes, and memorabilia highlighting the Class of 86 then and now, this booklet will be sold for about \$5 when it is ready early in the new year.

Even if you were not able to make it to Homecoming 96, we hope that you will contribute to this tenth anniversary "yearbook." The Alumni Affairs Office would like to hear from anyone who attended Redeemer College

between 1982 and 1986.

To be included in this booklet, send us your name, address and phone number, and let us know:

What have you been doing since you left Redeemer?

What is your favourite memory of your years at Redeemer?

Please include a recent photo of you (or you and your family) that we could include in the package (all photos can be returned -- just let us know).

Alumni annual meeting

The 1996 Alumni Annual Meeting, held Saturday, October 5 as part of the Homecoming celebrations, was a quick and efficient affair.

The Alumni Board highlighted some of its accomplishments during the past year, and the membership took the opportunity to make some significant changes to the make-up of the Board.

Alumni Board Vice-President Mark Mantel noted some of the achievements of the 1995-96 Alumni Board of Directors which included:

- organizing the Homecoming celebration of the Class of 1986, the first of what is planned to be an annual event;
- having the annual Alumni Membership rate lowered to \$60;
- revising the Alumni Leadership Award application and awarding process;
- serving on the college's governing committees.

Elections were also held to replace three Board members. Alumni Board President Joy Miedema thanked those people who are leaving the Board this year: Sonja Oegema and Wendy Bulthuis are retiring after completing their three year terms, and Alison Gresik has resigned her seat to pursue graduate studies in Alberta.

The Board was pleased to present to the membership a strong list of candidates to fill those positions, and is proud to announce that the following people have been elected as Members at Large to the Alumni Board for three year terms:

Mike Bax (Business, 95)

Gerald Bierling (Political Science, 86)

Doreen Vanderheide (Psychology, 92).

The Board is looking forward to another productive year as it serves alumni and the College. Please do not hesitate to contact the Alumni Affairs Office if you have any suggestions on how we can best meet the needs of the Alumni Association.

Alumni membership campaign yields exciting results

The 1996 Alumni Membership campaign has been quite a success. Since July, over 45 alumni have become members of Redeemer College at the reduced Alumni Membership rate of \$60 per year.

What is especially encouraging is that the majority of those taking advantage of the lower rate are first time supporters of the College.

"One of our goals with this reduced rate program was to increase alumni support for

the College, especially among those who felt that they couldn't maintain the \$120 that was required for membership in the College," said Joy Miedema, Alumni Board President. "The Alumni Board is very pleased that so many alumni have taken advantage of this program."

Memberships are the College's primary support vehicle. Not only do members provide financial support, they also demonstrate their commitment to the College by taking an active role in the governance of the College.

As members of Redeemer, alumni have full nominating and voting privileges at the Annual Meeting of the College, and a forum for their voice to be heard.

The Alumni Board encourages all alumni to demonstrate their on-going support of Redeemer College by becoming members. For information on becoming a member of Redeemer, contact the Alumni Affairs Office or the Stewardship Office at the College.

Excuse me--have you seen our alumni?

Redeemer College tries to keep in touch with all of its alumni, but sometimes we lose track. If you know (or know how we could get) an up-to-date address for the following people, would you please contact the Alumni Affairs Office at Redeemer. Thank you for your help.

Ms. Grace Antonides -Surrey, BC
Mr. John Aukema -Willowdale, ON
Ms. Heidi Baker -Guelph, ON
Mr. Paul E. Bakker -Grand Rapids, MI
Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Lillian Bakker -Orangeville, ON
Ms. Susanne Bandstra -Bowmanville, ON
Ms. Jill M. Brooks -Lambeth, ON
Ms. Marjorie Bylsma -Oshawa, ON
Mr. and Mrs. Trevor and Wendy Clark -Mississauga, ON
Ms. Erin L. Cornelisse -Hudsonville, MI
Ms. Julie L. Cushing -Niagara Falls, ON
Ms. Wilma De Groot -Calgary, AB
Ms. Veronica De Vries -Wingham, ON
Ms. Heather DeBoer -St. Catharines, ON
Ms. Jody L. deGroot -Barrie, ON
Mr. Fred F. DeHaan -St. George, ON
Mr. Neville Denny -London, ON
Ms. Karen J. Desjardine -Grand Bend, ON
Mr. Todd S. DeVries -Toronto, ON
Ms. Christina J. DeWaard -Mount Hope, ON
Mr. Wynne DeWyn -Chicago, IL
Ms. Jean Dieleman -Strathroy, ON
Ms. Sarah L. Donaldson -MacTier, ON
Mr. Ian R. Doreen -Kingston, ON
Ms. Helena Dryfhout -Concord, ON
Miss Renee Dykxhoorn -Mulberry, FL
Ms. Alice E. Eelkema -Hamilton, ON
Ms. Wendy P. Ens -Barrie, ON
Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Faith Feddema -Blackstock, ON
Ms. Kristian Fraser -Hamilton, ON
Ms. Kristina J. Friend Baker -Ingersoll, ON
Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Jacqueline Geerlinks -

Woodstock, ON
Mr. Timothy I. Gibbons -Hamilton, ON
Ms. Sharon Greenhalgh -St. Catharines, ON
Mr. and Mrs. John and Judith Hamilton -Brampton, ON
Ms. Crystelle W. Hartley -Barrie, ON
Miss Sylvia K. Haverkamp -Guelph, ON
Ms. Arlene Heidbuurt -Dundas, ON
Ms. Lucinda A. Hennevel -Edmonton, AB
Ms. Brenda M. Hielema -Toronto, ON
Mr. Henry Hogeterp -Montreal, PQ
Ms. Tasha Hollington -St. Catharines, ON
Mr. John R. Hutten -Delta, BC
Ms. Christine Kaemingh -Dundas, ON
Mr. John Kaldeway -Ottawa, ON
Mr. David Kelly -Hamilton, ON
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Jennifer Kiers -Fenwick, ON
Ms. Theresa Kimmerer -Pickering, ON
Ms. Almyra Knevel -Mt. Hope, ON
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne and Catherine Knight -Welland, ON
Ms. Christina E. Koene -Halifax, NS
Ms. Dianne Kroesbergen -Stratford, ON
Ms. Erica Krygsman -Windsor, ON
Mr. and Mrs. Gerard and Jane Kuntz -Milton, ON
Mr. and Mrs. Anita Lewis -Renfrew, ON
Ms. Marie Lokhorst -Hamilton, ON
Mr. Karl Maas -Don Mills, ON
Mr. Michael Maaskant -Toronto, ON
Ms. Gail Marchbank -Whitby, ON
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff and Mary Lou Maynard -Hamilton, ON
Ms. Margaret N. Musengi -Kenya
Mr. David Ndoen -East Java, Indonesia
Ms. Johanna D. Nyman -Terrace, BC
Mr. Jeffrey T. Oegema -Waterloo, ON
Ms. Evelyn Oudyk -Oshawa, ON
Mr. and Mrs. Ken and Tammy Plugers -Jordan Station, ON
Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey and Heather Postma -Abbotsford, BC

Ms. Wilhelmina Prins -Mt. Brydges, ON
Ms. Tanya J. Reitsma -Essex, ON
Mr. and Mrs. John and Charlene Ridder -Abbotsford, BC
Ms. Winnefred Rietema -Edmonton, AB
Mrs. Tara Ruel -Cochrane, ON
Miss Monica A. Rumph -New Westminister, BC
Mrs. Tammy E. Sacchetti -Thunder Bay, ON
Mr. David Schenk -Burlington, ON
Ms. Beverly J. Scholman -Nanaimo, BC
Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Pam Schut -Burlington, ON
Ms. Ingrid Smidstra -Mississauga, ON
Mr. Ken Tuininga -Wallaceburg, ON
Ms. Corinna Van Amerongen -Mississauga, ON
Mr. Harry R. Van Dam -Hamilton, ON
Mr. Martin Van Dyk -Belleville, ON
Mr. and Mrs. Doug and Elizabeth Van Dyke -Grand Valley, ON
Mr. Robert Van Keulen -Grand Rapids, MI
Ms. Teresa S. Van Raamsdonk -Mississauga, ON
Mr. C. J. VandenBoogaard -Welland, ON
Mr. Kasey Vander Veen -Hamilton, ON
Ms. Irene Vanderdeen -Strathroy, ON
Mrs. Heather A. VanderKruk -Hamilton, ON
Ms. Marian VanderMeer -Oshawa, ON
Ms. Anita Vandermeulen -Guelph, ON
Mr. Mike Vanderpol -Hamilton, ON
Mr. Stephen G. VanderStoep -Matsugasaki, Sakyo KU
Mr. Richard Vandervaat -Grand Rapids, MI
Ms. Michaela VanDyke -Mississauga, ON
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Rev. Allan Vermeer -Everson, WA
Ms. Irene Voordenhout -Barrie, ON
Ms. Aleida G. Wessels -Bowmanville, ON
Ms. Evelyn Wolters -Calgary, AB

PERSONAL TOUCH

► **Joyce Williamson (Mellema, 87)** and her husband have been blessed with a second child, Paul Allen, born on March 19, 1996, a brother to 2-year old Hanna. The Williamsons live at 34424 Ferndale Ave., RR #5, Mission, BC (jwilliam@uniserve.com).

► **Mark (90) and Johanna (Ubbens, 91) Luimes** were blessed with the birth of a son, Gerrit Hendrik, on September 27. Gerrit is a little brother for Kristen (4) and Meagan (2). Mark is kept very busy at his business, NetAccess in Hamilton. Johanna is a full-time mom and is looking forward to homeschooling their children in the near future.

► **Kevin and Karen Antonides (Vermeer, 87)** are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, Kristen Janelle, born September 8. She is welcomed by sister Kendra (4) and brother Kaleb (2).

► **Dirk Kievit (88)** covets your prayers. Currently serving in Eritrea, Dirk has been diagnosed with hepatitis. Anyone wishing to send a note of encouragement to him should direct it to Dirk Kievit, P.O. Box 917, Asmara, Eritrea, East Africa.

► **Keith and Miriam (Vanderwerf) Verburg (93)** have become country folk on a beef farm. Keith still teaches at Maranatha Christian School in Fergus, and Miriam keeps busy with Jared (2) and Hannah (10 months). Farm life agrees with the Verburgs who now live at RR #2, Elora, ON N0B 1S0.

► **Anita and Mark VanHelden (86)** celebrate the birth of their third daughter, Samantha Leah on August 14. Mark continues to work as an Underwriter for Directors and Officers Liability Insurance with CIGNA Insurance Co. of Canada. Anita is on maternity leave from her position as Assistant Program Manager, Community Programs with Participation House, an organization that runs a group home and outreach programs for adults with physical disabilities.

► **Robert Kooy (92)** wants to let everyone know that he has a new e-mail address -- rkooy@uniserve.com.

► **Paul (x89) and Brenda (Hielema, x90) Bruinooge** have moved to Richmond Hill to make room for baby Geoffrey Michael who arrived May 31. Paul is currently a mortgage manager for Bank of Montreal, and Brenda is a clinical pharmacist at York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill. Their address is 22 Lund St., Richmond Hill, ON L4C 5V7 (e-mail: pbruin@interlog.com).

► **Robert Boer (92)** graduated in May with a Master of Music degree in choral conducting from Drake University in Des Moines,

Homecoming '97

Planning will get under way shortly for the program honouring those students who graduated in 1987.

If you have any ideas to make this a memorable event, or would like to help organize the activities, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office at Redeemer.

Watch the next issue of *Images* for further information.

Iowa. He is currently serving as Minister of Music at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge, IA. In his spare time he works at negating American misconceptions about Canada. Mail is welcome at 723-7th Ave. N. #18, Fort Dodge, IA 50501, or via e-mail: canuck@dodgenet.com.

► **Ray (88) and Tetcy (Nieuwhof 90) DeBoer** have two great kids, Craig (3) and Joey (1). Ray is working as an accounting technician, pursuing his CGA designation (he has achieved his 3rd level standing). Tetcy thoroughly enjoys staying home with the little rascals and provides daycare for other children.

► **Marcel and Annette Woertink (Vanderploeg, x84)** were blessed with a

healthy baby girl, Allison Grace. Annette enjoys being at home with the baby, a sister for Michelle (7) and Brandon (5).

► **Ken (x89) and Greta (Kaastra, x88) Kiers** have moved to the east coast after living in B.C. for five years. They receive mail via Brookhaven National Lab, Physics Dept., HET, Bldg. 510A, Upton, New York, USA 11973. Ken is now doing a post-doc at BNL and together with Greta is having lots of fun with sons Joshua (3) and Joel (1).

► **Peter (86) and Grace (deKleer, 92) Hoytema** are pleased to announce the birth of their first son, Andrew George, on October 20, a brother for Robin. Peter continues to be pastor at Fellowship CRC in Ancaster.

NEWS OF INTEREST

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